

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND RECIPIENTS OF THE HOUSE EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2014*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member ROBERT BRADY and I rise today to congratulate and recognize the outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the recipients of the House Employee Excellence Award.

The House's most important asset is its dedicated and exceptional employees, whose work, which is often behind the scenes, is vital in keeping the operations and services of the House running smoothly and efficiently. The employees we recognize today are acknowledged and commended for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, support of House Members and their staffs and constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees have a wide range of responsibilities and skills that support the legislative process, ensure the security of the institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to a more effective and efficiently operating House support structure. They have accomplished many great things in a wide range of activities, and the House of Representatives and its Members, staff, and the American public is better served because of them.

We recognize and honor the individuals named below for 25 years of dedicated service to the House. Collectively, this group has provided 325 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

David E. Bailey, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Cephas L. Carter, Office of the Clerk;

Antoinette P. Freeman, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Anthony T. Howard, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Carlos Leon-Campos, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Michael P. Mallon, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

William B. Plaster, Office of the Clerk;

Vincent H. Plowden, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Wallace A. Simpson, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;

Susan E. Sneden, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Jerome B. Williams, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Waverly Y. Williams, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Diane E. Wilson, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

We also recognize and congratulate four House employees for receiving the Employee Excellence Award. This is a merit-based award, given to one employee from each House Officer organization, and the Office of Inspector General. Selected employees exhibited outstanding overall job performance and displayed a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty for their organization throughout the last year. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this prestigious award.

Russell H. Gore, Office of the Clerk;

Joyce L. Hamlett, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;

Christopher Jordan, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Susan E. Simpson, Office of Inspector General.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend our congratulations and once again recognize and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and in particular to their respective House Officers and the Inspector General. Their long hours and hard work are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service, dedication, and commitment to the House set an example for their colleagues and other employees who will follow in their footsteps. I celebrate our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and the nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

CONGRATULATING DANSBY SWANSON, 2014 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES' MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2014*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Marietta native, Marietta High School Alumnus, and Vanderbilt second baseman, Dansby Swanson, on his accomplishments in the 2014 NCAA College World Series.

Swanson was awarded the College World Series' Most Outstanding Player Award and was an incredible asset in helping Vanderbilt clinch its first College World Series Championship.

Throughout the 2014 season, Swanson became one of the key players on Vanderbilt's tremendously talented roster and was key in Vandy's 3-2 victory over the University of Virginia in the final to cap off a landmark 50 win season.

Just a sophomore, Swanson batted .323 with five runs scored and two RBI in Omaha—

the most impressive performance of any player in the tournament.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District, I applaud Dansby for his achievement and look forward to his future successes. I extend my enthusiastic congratulations to him on achieving the highest level of recognition possible in the NCAA College World Series.

CONGRATULATING ETHICON ON 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2014*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ethicon, a member of the Johnson & Johnson family, in San Angelo, Texas on their 50th anniversary. Throughout the years, Ethicon has been an essential part of the community and has grown side-by-side with San Angelo.

Ethicon opened its doors in West Texas in 1964. During this time, Ethicon was a surgical suture manufacturing site that was critical to the Vietnam War effort. Over the past five decades, the company has expanded and modernized their production to meet the needs of today's world.

Ethicon has been a global leader in providing medical supplies for critical and life-saving procedures. Their standard of excellence is not only evident in the lives they have saved, but the families they have impacted across this nation.

The Ethicon family gathered last week to celebrate this tremendous 50-year milestone together. The smiles on the faces of their 450 employees, their families, and friends said it all. They have provided opportunities and inspiration for their people. This company is so much more than a job or a shift to its employees or this community; it is a source of pride. And I am proud to have Ethicon located in the 11th District and honored to be part of their joyous occasion.

Again, I congratulate Ethicon on reaching such a distinguished marker in their company history. I wish them many more in the great town of San Angelo, Texas.

IN HONOR OF JOHN PISTO

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 31, 2014*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of a remarkable American who has spent the last half century helping to turn food into public art. John Pisto is one of the original celebrity chefs. He is part of the cutting edge group of restaurant professionals who have brought the creativity,

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